

(2) by inserting after subsection (b) the following:

“(c) REPORT ON AFRICAN UNION MISSION IN SUDAN.—Until such time as AMIS concludes its mission in Darfur, in conjunction with the other reports required under this section, the Secretary of State, in consultation with all relevant Federal departments and agencies, shall prepare and submit a report, to the appropriate congressional committees, regarding—

“(1) a detailed description of all United States assistance provided to the African Union Mission in Sudan (referred to in this subsection as ‘AMIS’) since the establishment of AMIS, reported by fiscal year and the type and purpose of such assistance; and

“(2) the level of other international assistance provided to AMIS, including assistance from countries, regional and international organizations, such as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the European Union, the Arab League, and the United Nations, reported by fiscal year and the type and purpose of such assistance, to the extent possible.

“(d) REPORT ON SANCTIONS IN SUPPORT OF PEACE IN DARFUR.—In conjunction with the other reports required under this section, the Secretary of State shall submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees regarding sanctions imposed under section 6 of the Comprehensive Peace in Sudan Act of 2004, including—

“(1) a description of each sanction imposed under such provision of law;

“(2) the name of the individual or entity subject to the sanction, if applicable; and

“(3) whether or not such individual has been identified by the United Nations panel of experts.

“(e) REPORT ON UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE.—In conjunction with the other reports required under this section, the Secretary of State shall submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees describing the effectiveness of any assistance provided under section 8 of the Darfur Peace and Accountability Act of 2006, including—

“(1) a detailed annex on any military assistance provided in the period covered by this report;

“(2) the results of any review or other monitoring conducted by the Federal Government with respect to assistance provided under that Act; and

“(3) any unauthorized retransfer or use of military assistance furnished by the United States.”.

SA 5034. Mr. CRAIG proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2562, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2006, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans; as follows:

On page 4, after line 8, add the following:

SEC. 4. TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.

Section 1311 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by redesignating the second subsection (e) (as added by section 301(a) of the Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-454; 118 Stat. 3610)) as subsection (f).

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and

Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 21, 2006, at 10 a.m. to mark up an original bill entitled the Export-Import Bank Reauthorization Act of 2006.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a full committee hearing on pending nominations on Thursday, September 21, 2006 at 2:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. THUNE. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 21 at 10 a.m. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the nomination of Mary Amelia Bomar, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the National Park Service, Vice Frances P. Mainella, resigned.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President: I ask unanimous consent that on Thursday, September 21st, 2006 at 10:15 a.m. the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to hold a Business Meeting to consider the following agenda:

Legislation:

H.R. 1463, To designate a portion of the Federal building located at 2100 Jamieson Avenue, in Alexandria, VA, as the ‘Justin W. Williams United States Attorney’s Building.’

Nominations:

Roger Romulus Martella, Jr. to be Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency

Alex A. Beehler to be Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency

William H. Graves to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority

Brigadier General Bruce Arlan Berwick to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission

Colonel Gregg F. Martin to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission

Brigadier General Robert Crear to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission

Rear Admiral Samuel P. DeBow, Jr. to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission

Resolutions:

6 Committee resolutions authorizing prospectuses from GSA’s fiscal year 2007 Capital Investment and Leasing Program

Committee resolution to direct GSA to prepare a Report of Building Project Survey

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. Thune. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Thursday, September 21, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to consider the nomination of Mr. John K. Veroneau, of Virginia, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the Rank of Ambassador, Executive Office of the President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 21, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on Afghanistan.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, September 21, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

Agenda

I. Nominations

Terrence W. Boyle, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit; William James Haynes II, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit; Kent A. Jordan, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit; Peter D. Keisler, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit; William Gerry Myers III, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit; Norman Randy Smith, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit; Valerie L. Baker, to be U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California; Francisco Augusto Besosa, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico; Nora Barry Fischer, to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania; Gregory Kent Frizzell, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma; Philip S. Gutierrez, to be U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California; Marcia Morales Howard, to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Florida; John Alfred Jarvey, to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa; Sara Elizabeth Lioi, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio; Lawrence Joseph O’Neill, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of California; Lisa Godbey Wood; to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia.

II. Bills

S. 2831, Free Flow of Information Act of 2006, Lugar, Specter, Schumer, Graham, Biden, Grassley;

S. 155, Gang Prevention and Effective Deterrence Act of 2005, Feinstein,

Hatch, Grassley, Cornyn, Kyl, Specter; S. 1845, Circuit Court of Appeals Restructuring and Modernization Act of 2005, Ensign, Kyl;

S. 394, Open Government Act of 2005, Cornyn, Leahy, Feingold;

S. 3880, Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act, Inhofe, Feinstein;

S. 2644, Perform Act of 2006, Feinstein, Graham, Biden;

S. 3818, Patent Reform Act of 2006, Hatch, Leahy.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Corrections and Rehabilitation be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Oversight of Federal Assistance for Prisoner Rehabilitation and Reentry in Our States" on Thursday, September 21, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. in SD226.

Witness List:

Panel I: Mason Bishop, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC, Regina Schofield, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, Robert Bogart, Director, Center for Faith Based and Community Initiatives, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC, Cheri Nolan, Senior Policy Advisor, Criminal and Juvenile Justice at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC.

Panel II: Roger Werholtz, Secretary of Corrections, Kansas Department of Corrections, Topeka, KS, Diane Williams, President and CEO, Safer Foundation, Chicago, IL.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 21, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet Thursday, September 21, 2006 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in Dirksen 562 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Water and Power be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 21 at 2:30 p.m.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on S. 1106, to authorize

the construction of the Arkansas Valley conduit in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; S. 1811, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the feasibility of enlarging the Argur V. Watkins Dam Weber Basin Project, UT, to provide additional water for the Weber Basin Project to fulfill the purposes for which that project was authorized; S. 2070, to provide certain requirements for hydroelectric projects on the Mohawk River in the State of New York; S. 3522, to amend the Bonneville Power Administration portions of the Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act of 2000 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2006 through 2012, and for other purposes; S. 3832, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish criteria to transfer title to reclamation facilities, and for other purposes; S. 3851, to provide for the extension of preliminary permit periods by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for certain hydroelectric projects in the State of Alaska; S. 3798, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to exclude and defer from the pooled reimbursable costs of the unused capacity of the Folsome South Canal, Auburn-Folsom South Unit, Central Valley Project, and for other purposes; H.R. 2563, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct feasibility studies to address certain water shortages within the Snake, Boise, and Payette River systems in Idaho, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3897, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Madera Irrigation District for purposes of supporting the Madera Water Supply Enhancement Project.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar: Calendar Nos. 737, 831, 905, 906, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk. I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Kenneth L. Wainstein, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. (New Position)

Frank R. Jimenez, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy.

COAST GUARD

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Coast Guard to

the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 271:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Thomas F. Atkin, 0000

Capt. Christopher C. Colvin, 0000

Capt. Cynthia A. Coogan, 0000

Capt. David T. Glenn, 0000

Capt. Mary E. Landry, 0000

Capt. Ronald J. Rabago, 0000

Capt. Paul F. Zukunft, 0000

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Stephen Goldsmith, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2010. (Reappointment)

INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES

Sandra Pickett, of Texas to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2010. (Reappointment)

HARRY S TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Roger L. Hunt, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 9, 2009.

John E. Kidde, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2011.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY

Eliza McFadden, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring January 30, 2009, vice Douglas Carnine, term expired.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Jane M. Doggett, of Montana, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2012.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Randolph James Clerihue, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Arthur K. Reilly, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2012.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Lauran M. Maddox, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Communications and Outreach, Department of Education.

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

COAST GUARD

PN1965 COAST GUARD nomination of Tina J. Urban, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 7, 2006.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PN1851 PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE nominations (256) beginning Judith Louise Bader, and ending Raquel Antonia Peat, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 27, 2006.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, today we consider a nominee for the new position of Assistant Attorney General for the National Security Division. All too often, in the Bush-Cheney administration, national security has been cited as a justification for overriding the rule of law and for imposing unprecedented secrecy. With the acquiescence of the Republican-controlled Congress, this administration may be the most unresponsive in history and the most unaccountable.